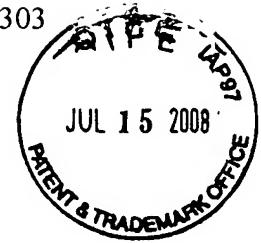


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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on July 15, 2008, Applicants timely file this response and believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, the undersigned authorizes the charge of any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.